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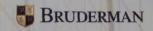
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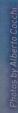
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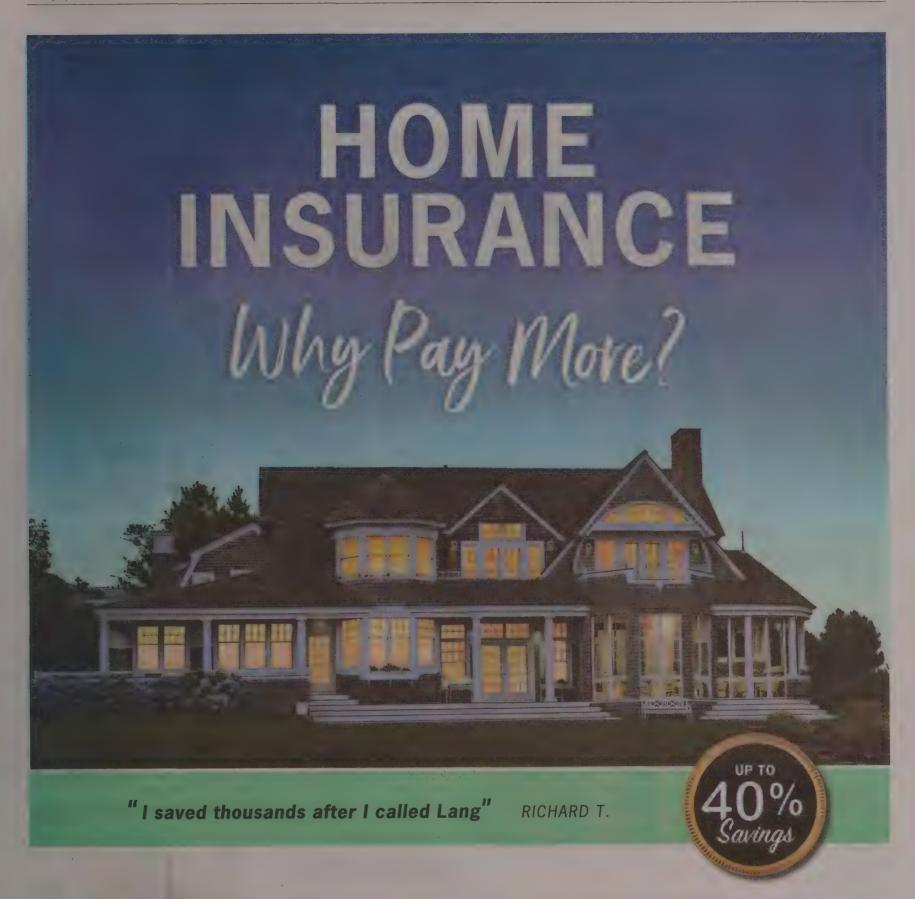
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Trecently hosted a bustling business networking event at the beautiful Blu Mar Hamptons restaurant in Southampton and met Veronica Nasary.

Formerly of Roslyn, she was the CFO of her husband's business, but recently got divorced. She followed her dream and opened an exclusive private inn on the North Fork of Long Island called Inn the Vineyard Nofo.

She found a secluded house and barn that had strangely been abandoned for five years. To get to the charming house that sits on 8 acres of tree-filled land, one must drive on a winding road through the Macari Vineyards.

Veronica had insight and the ability to create her dream getaway. With great talent in decorating and knowledge of the details that make a luxury inn, she fearlessly opened in the middle of the pandemic and I had the good fortune to recently spend a night there.

If you need an escape from the frenetic comeback of our world, or just a place to recharge yourself, this is it!

When my friend Joan and I plugged in the code to open the black steel gates leading to the inn, I felt transported to another world. The curving road through the thick woods revealed a charming large house and nearby barn, and Veronica greeted us at the front door.

Joan and I unpacked our over-

A serene luxurious escape



night bags from the car and entered her luxurious world. Up the stairs was my three-room suite that consisted of a sleeping area, sitting room and an enormous, yet intimate bathroom with a huge, old-fashioned bathtub and rich, thick robes and towels.

Veronica greeted us in our room with a platter of cheese and fruit that accompanied white wine from a North Fork vinevard

We chatted for a while before we had our massages. The massage table was in my sitting room, so I didn't have to leave my suite!

After the masterful massage, I crept into the gigantic kingsized bed to take a nap. The soft eucalyptus sheets and mushy down pillow made me feel I was sleeping on a cloud. I fell asleep instantly and only when my alarm went off did I awake to prepare for dinner.

Veronica has a world-class chef who prepared a farm-to-table meal in our sitting room. Talk about a lazy retreat!

The meal began with an arugula salad with shaved parmesan and a champagne vinaigrette sauce, followed by perfectly spiced shrimp on a skewer.

Our next dish was a fall-offthe-fork sea bass that melted in my mouth. It was prepared on a bed of cauliflower and vegetables. How delicious!

Finishing off the spectacular meal was a mouthwatering brownie accompanied by a scoop of vanilla ice cream. It was a great treat for the palate and the eyes, all accompanied by local wines.

Veronica personally delivered the dishes to our luxuriously set table. The linens, napkins, dishes and glasses were of the finest quality — it was like dining in a five-star restaurant. Veronica pays attention to the details and gets them right!

The building only has a few bedrooms and downstairs, there is an indoor pool, a gym and a sauna, and outside is a hot tub. As I went for a morning swim, I looked through the high windows at the lush trees surrounding the property.

Veronica has great plans for the inn and said with a smile on her face, "When it's ready, I hope to host private weddings and even officiate."

Veronica has worked tirelessly to make her home a perfect luxurious getaway on the beautiful and unique North Fork of Long Island.

The brownie dessent looked good and tasted delicious!



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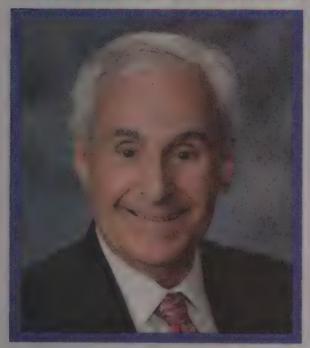
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BY FLO ANDERSON

t the height of the pandemic during the summer of 2020, there were sightings of Jay-Z and Jack Dorsey all over the Hamptons. Whether the rap mogul and Twitter/Square CEO were walking through the streets of East Hampton or sailing around on a small yacht with Jay-Z's wife, Beyoncé Knowles, and their three children, the dynamic duo were always together. The question on the tip of everyone's tongue was, "What is this bromance all about?" A year later, the puzzle has been solved. It was recently announced that Jay-Z closed a \$350million-dollar deal with Dorsey to sell his popular streaming platform Tidal to the businessman, who is said to be worth \$13 billion. This big money deal comes after Dorsey originally announced his plans back in March to buy a majority stake in the popular music streaming platform. Reports claim Square now owns 80% of Tidal along with the major record labels and artists including Kanye West, Beyoncé, Rihanna, Alicia Keys and others.

Although Christie Brinkley listed her stunning Bridgehampton estate in 2020 for \$29.5 million, it looks like she has yet to sell it. Along with her daughters, Alexa Ray Joel and Sailor Lee Brinkley-Cook, the former Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue cover girl has been quarantining at the luxurious mansion, which she calls Tower Hills. The ladies have an exciting summer ahead of foundary and the stunning at the luxurious mansion, which she calls Tower Hills.



JAY-Z AND BEYONCÈ

them. The three Brinkley women are featured in denim brand's NYDJ's 2021 foundation campaign. Released in time for Mother's Day, the campaign celebrates the "powerful bonds between women who are foundational to individuality and self-confidence,"



BILLY PORTER

according to a statement from the apparel company. Forever an entrepreneur, Christie is also promoting a new vegan Prosecco wine collection called Bellissima by Christie Brinkley. Cheers!

Following his recent appearance on the first live red carpet in New York City in more than a year at the premiere of the third and final season of Pose, Billy Porter returned to his beautiful home in the Hamptons. One award away from joining the elite EGOT club with Emmy, Tony and Grammy awards under his belt, Porter showed himself on Instagram stories cleaning his own pool. He captioned the photo, "De-cluttering and cleaning are my own forms of self-care." Naturally, the fierce fashionista was wearing a colorful caftan accessorized with a bold bejeweled necklace. As Pose ends, Porter has joined the cast of Disney family sitcom The Proud Family: Louder and Prouder as the voice of Randall, part of the mixed race adoptive parents to 14-year-old activist Maya Leibowitz-Jenkins, who is voiced by actress KeKe Palmer.

With the pandemic having cancelled most live parties last year, the cocktails crew is back and live and popping. The Southampton Village party scene is coming back strong on May 28 when author Leesa Rowland hosts a signing party at T-Bar Southampton for her new motivational book published by Hatherleigh Press, The Charisma Factor: Unlock the Secrets of Magnetic Charm and Personal Influence in Your Life. Cocktails and light bites will be served!



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Dan's Papers Business Networking Event at Blu Mar in Southampton

Zach Erdem, owner of Blu Mar, welcomed guests to his beautiful restaurant in the Village of Southampton for Dan's Papers business networking event. Guests met with other like-minded business professionals as they dined on delicious fare and sipped top shelf libations on the lovely outside dining patio. Luxury raffle prizes were donated by Inn The Vineyard NOFO. The next networking event at Blu Mar is June 10th.

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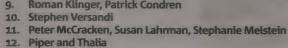






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Dan's Papers President and Co-Publisher Victoria Schneps welcomed guests to an inaugural networking luncheon for women in the wine industry. Executive Director of The Preston House & Hotel, Jennifer Petrocelli, hosted the event. Guests dined in the elegant restaurant as they shared innovative ideas they have for their industry on the North Fork and East End. Photographs by Barbara Lassen









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MORE BIKES HIT THE EAST END

BY BRIDGET LEROY

The PedalShare program, which has already been successful in Southampton, Hampton Bays, Patchogue and Babylon Village, has spread its wings, or rather its spokes, to Riverhead.

Supervisor Yvette Aguiar and Councilman Kenneth Rothwell welcomed the bikesharing program, which began operations on Monday, May 17, after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Calverton. The program, made possible through the work of the Alternative Transportation Committee, led by Councilman Rothwell, and managed by Chris Dimon, provides Riverhead residents with the opportunity to rent bikes by the hour, on a daily basis or through a yearly membership.

Bike racks are located at Town Hall, the Riverhead Train Station and throughout downtown Riverhead, enabling residents the opportunity to travel along the scenic Peconic Riverfront and visit local restaurants and stores while enjoying the great outdoors.

For more, visit townofriverheadny.gov or ridepedalshare.com.



STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital First Level III Trauma Center on East End

BY BRIDGET LEROY

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital has become the first hospital on the East End to be granted Level III Trauma Center verification from the American College of Surgeons. The verification is granted by the ACS upon demonstration of the ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care and stabilization of injured patients and emergency operations.

Elements of Level III Trauma Centers include 24-hour immediate coverage by emergency medicine physicians and the prompt availability of general surgeons and anesthesiologists. Southampton's trauma team includes over 100 surgeons, surgery residents, emergency room doctors, nurses and anesthesiologists who are available 24 hours a day.

"Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's verification makes it one of only seven trauma centers in Suffolk County, and as part of Stony Brook Medicine Health System it provides seamless access to the Stony Brook University Hospital Trauma Center which is the only Level I Trauma Center in the county designated for both adults and pediatrics," said Margaret M. McGovern, MD, PhD, Knapp Professor of Pediatrics, Dean for Clinical Affairs and Vice President for Health System Clinical Programs and Strategy at Stony Brook Medicine.

"With the Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

Trauma Center covering the East End, and a top Level I Trauma Center at Stony Brook University Hospital a short transport away, we can provide the community with the most appropriate level of care at the appropriate time," said James A. Vosswinkel, MD, FACS, Trauma Medical Director and Chief of the Division of Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care in the Department of Surgery at Stony Brook, who oversees the Stony Brook Medicine Health System Trauma Program.

"Faster treatment for trauma patients can mean the difference between life and death," said Fredric Weinbaum, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. "During the summer season when the regional population swells and traffic is at a standstill, it is critically important that trauma care be accessible and nearby."

In addition to the Level III Trauma Center at Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Medicine, along with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and the Southampton Hospital Association, are working toward providing the Town of East Hampton with a satellite Emergency Department to help address the urgent medical needs of year-round residents and the area's increasing number of second-home owners and visitors.

For additional information and updates, visit southampton.stonybrookmedicine.edu.



A LIGHT PRIVATE PLANE TAKING OFF FOR A LEISURE FLIGHT ON A SUMMER DAY

East Hampton Mulls Future of Airport

BY BRIANA BONFIGLIO

The airport debate has been hot and heavy for years now, and the May 11 virtual public meeting was no different, with 27 members of the public offering their opinions over three hours.

The Town of East Hampton has four options for

what it can do with the East Hampton Airport, which were outlined during the town board's May 11 public meeting.

East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc and town board members can decide to close the airport, keep the airport operating as is, temporarily close the airport and reopen it again or keep the airport open for private flights only and eliminate commercial flights.

"I don't think anybody on this board has made up our minds," said councilman Jeff Bragman. "We need to hear input from the public."

Several local residents supported closing the airport due to noise pollution, one man calling it "not extreme, simply common sense."

Board members have also sought outside counsel to conduct studies that will aid their decision. HMMH, an environmental and transportation planning consulting firm, provided information about complaints and operations. It showed that complaints reported had been steadily increasing since 2015 until the pandemic hit last year.

An economic impact study by HR&A, a New York City-based real estate and economic development advising company, found that "current airport operations and passenger spending generates \$13 million to \$26 million" to the town, which amounts to about 1%–2% of the town's taxable sales.

Representatives from HR&A also noted that closure of the airport would "improve town residents' quality of life and reduce noise, ground and water pollution."

The town board still needs to receive a carbon emissions study and diversion quality study, which would analyze the impact of air traffic shifting to other nearby airports, such as Montauk Airport, if East Hampton Airport shut down.

The earliest that the town could close the airport is this September, when the Federal Aviation Administration authority requiring the town to comply with grant-related conditions on the airport expires. However, Bragman said the decision would not be made hastily. "There's time, and we're going to do it carefully," he said.

Tate's Bake Shop Workers Reject Bid to Unionize

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Tate's Bake Shop workers have voted down a bid to unionize the Southampton-based cookie company after some workers and labor leaders accused management of trying to intimidate immigrant staffers with deportation threats.

The National Labor Relations Board found May 13 that 354 of Tate's East Moriches-based factory workers voted against joining Amalgamated Local 298 AFL-CIO, a Valley Stream-based union that represents workers in manufacturing, retail, health-care and other industries. Twelve voted to join the union and 37 ballots were contested.

"We are very pleased with the outcome, and the results are a testament to our long track record of providing good jobs with competitive pay and benefits," a spokesman for Tate's said in a statement. "We are proud that our employees have made it clear



TATE'S BAKE SHOP FACTORY IN EAST MORICHES.

that they want to continue their direct and positive engagement with Tate's management."

The union is challenging the results.

"The Eastern States Joint Board has filed an injunction against the results of the vote with the National Labor Relations Board," Cosmo Lubrano, Vice President of the Eastern States Joint Board said in a statement. "There is mounting evidence to suggest that the integrity of the vote was compromised by possible voter intimidation and interference by Tate's during the voting period. The alleged illegal and irregular behavior by Tate's during this vote has been the subject of a Congressional inquiry.

"Our union will continue to fight for a fair workplace for Tate's employees and believe that these

results do not reflect the true intentions of this workforce," the statement continued. "This is not a certified election and will not be final until our many objections and complaints are investigated by the National Labor Relations Board."

Tate's was founded by Kathleen King, who got her start selling the popular homemade cookies at an East End farm stand in the 1970s. King sold the company for \$500 million in 2018 to Illinois-based Mondelēz International, Inc., the parent company of Oreo, Nabisco, Ritz and other snacks, which reported \$27 billion in revenue last year.

Some workers who were concerned about conditions at the East Moriches-based factory during the coronavirus pandemic reached out to the union, which initiated a campaign to unionize. During the campaign, some workers alleged that management told staffers that if they unionize, their immigration status would be reviewed, potentially resulting in deportation. The company denied the allegations.

"For more than 20 years, Tate's Bake Shop has been committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive and caring workplace for everyone in our Tate's family," the company said. "We know that as popular as our brand is, the true ingredient for Tate's success has less to do with what's inside the cookie bag than who is creating those delicious treats."

DAN'S COLUMN

Talking Baseball

Yastrzemski, Stroman, Matz, de Grom & the Legend of Mazeika

BY DAN RATTINER

E leven years ago, nearly a dozen major league baseball scouts traveled to eastern Long Island to watch a high school game in Patchogue. Two young

standout seniors were pitching against one another. Both struck out the side through most of the game. And the final score in 10 innings was 1-0. Patchogue-Medford defeated Ward Melville. Which was totally irrelevant.

The scouts were there because Carl Yastrzemski, one of the greatest baseball players of all time, had grown up 50 years earlier in Bridgehampton, the son of a Polish potato farmer. Yastrzemski was in the Hall of Fame. One year, playing for the Boston Red Sox, he'd won the Triple Crown—the most home runs, the highest batting average and the most runs batted in all at the same time. It took 40 years before any baseball player could do that again.

Because of Yaz, the scouts, looking for another player like him, had an eye on all those high schools on eastern Long Island. Steven Matz, of German American heritage and from Stony Brook, had the stuff. And so did Marcus Stroman, of African-American heritage, in Patchogue.

Matz, right out of high school, was recruited by the New York Mets, and soon joined the rotation as a starting pitcher. He was playing at home. And like many in the Matz family, he was a Mets fan.

Marcus Stroman took a different path. He went off to college at Duke, and then, some years after Matz, joined the rotation pitching for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Though both pitched well, neither lived up to the legend of Carl Yastrzemski. They were serviceable starting pitchers for those teams for the next 10 years.

Which brings us to this year.

Through a series of trades, Steven Matz is now pitching for the Blue Jays and Marcus Stroman is pitching for the Mets. The sportswriters thought it interesting, but not much else. As middling veterans, it was expected they would be traded around for awhile and then retire.

But that is not what happened. Both pitchers

thrived with their new teams. Matz won his first four starts of the year, blasting away with a wondrous curve and an unhittable sinker. Steven said he liked Toronto. It was exciting to contribute to a team that might make the playoffs. Certainly his old team, the Mets, never would.

Or would they? During the interval between last year and this, hedge fund billionaire Steve Cohn bought the Mets from the Wilpon family. The Wilpons had lost most of their considerable fortune in the Madoff scandal and could never afford top players. But Steve Cohn could. And he began bringing in some real stars.

With that, Marcus Stroman has become outstanding. In his latest outing, he pitched against the Baltimore Orioles who chose their star pitcher John Means to pitch against Stroman. Means, just nine days ago, had pitched the second nohitter of his career, a rare accomplishment. The Mets got six scattered hits against him, but could not score a run in the six innings he pitched. But Stroman matched him, allowing just five hits in his six innings, though they did get a run. (By the way, Stroman's proud mom works for the Town of Southampton where they cheer him on.) In the end, though, the Mets triumphed 3-2.

I'd like to end this baseball account by writing about three other players, two for the Mets, and a third by the name of Yastrzemski via his famous grandfather Carl.

Carl had, after his career ended, moved to New England. He'd played his entire career with the Boston Red Sox. Michael, his grandson, was born and raised in Massachusetts. Now at the peak of his career, he hits long balls for the San Francisco Giants. But he's no Carl.

But who is?

Well, there is another Mets pitcher, Florida born and raised, who is currently pitching at a level never before seen in baseball. He's up there with Sandy Koufax and Bob Feller, the greatest who ever were. Jacob de Grom throws 100-mile-an-hour pitches with unbelievable accuracy. A good pitcher by this time in a given baseball season might give up 20 walks and strike out 40.

This year, as I write this, de Grom has walked 4 and struck out 68. It's unheard of. He has an earned run average of 0.62 where anything under 2.0 is considered excellent. If he's scheduled to



NEW YORK METS PINCH HITTER PATRICK MAZEIKA (76) CELEBRATES WITH SHORTSTOP FRANCISCO LINDOR (12) AFTER HIS GAME-WINNING RBI DURING THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH INNING AGAINST THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES AT CITI FIELD.

pitch, go see him.

Finally, there is a rookie for the Mets by the name of Patrick Mazeika. He's slender, wears horn-rimmed glasses, sports a pointy beard, and looks like a graduate student from MIT.

I don't know what position he plays because he's never been a fielder. That's because he's never had to be in the field. How could this be?

Well, three days ago, he came up as a pinch hitter in the bottom of the ninth. It was the first time he'd come to bat in the Major Leagues.

At that time, the score was tied with a runner at third. Mazeika swung, and the ball dribbled out toward the mound and stopped halfway. The pitcher ran in for it, the catcher ran out to it and the runner on third came home to win the game because nobody was there. With that, his Mets teammates ran out onto the field, ripped Mazeika's shirt off his back and doused him with champagne.

The next night he came up to pinch hit in the bottom of the ninth with two out and the bases loaded, kept the bat on his shoulder and then got ball four. That won the game. Again came the shirt rip and champagne.

Then last night he came up to pinch hit in the bottom of the ninth with one out and a runner on third in a tie game, and hit the longest shot of his career so far, a ground ball to the first baseman. The first baseman fielded it, then desperately threw the ball to home too high as Michael Conforto came from third and slid low. Game over. Again came the shirt rip and the champagne.

Mazeika has yet to get a hit, has never hit the ball out of the infield and has won three consecutive games for the Mets. And a shirt rip and champagne.

Could this be the future Yaz?





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Comeback Summer?

As Pandemic Wanes, East End Hopeful Boom May Loom



BEACH SEASON IS COMING, AND WITH IT COME THE CROWDS

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

From the shores of the Montauk Point Lighthouse to the well-worn path of the North Fork Wine Trail, the East End is rolling out the welcome mat for the coming pilgrimage of summer tourists that is expected to prove another sign of normalcy returning.

From recently relaxed coronavirus restrictions, such as allowing people who've been vaccinated to go maskless in public, to a reported increase in hotel bookings, there are plenty of indicators that the coming beach season appears poised to usher in an infusion of pent-up tourism dollars to local cof-

fers as travelers to the region look to put the pandemic in the rear view. But while the pre-season preparations are well underway, many also have cause to remain cautiously optimistic after COVID-19 devastated economies near and far in 2020.

"We've all pulled through this together, struggled and fought hard against the virus, and now we're really seeing the light at the end of the tunnel," said New York State Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio (R-Riverhead). "Bringing people back to work and shaking the dark cloud that COVID has left across us all is a cause for celebration. But we still must be vigilant

as we all reopen."

Tourism-dependent towns across the country are dusting off for the anticipated comeback of beach season crowds after the shutdown largely left them sidelined, as restaurants faced capacity limits and some businesses, such as amusement parks, remained closed for the entire season. Splish Splash water park in Calverton, for example, is slated to host its opening day on May 29 as it reopens for the first time since 2019.

Adding wind to the sails of local businesses is the recent news that New York State lifted the capacity limit on many businesses including bars and restaurants, hair salons, gyms, offices, retail stores, museums, entertainment centers and theaters. Staterun vaccination sites are allowing walk-ins for New Yorkers as young as 16, allowing more people to take advantage of the no-mask rules. But the six-foot social distancing rule remains in effect until the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention alters its guidance.

Tourism on Long Island is a \$5.6 billion dollar industry, generating critical tax revenues for the region and supporting more than 100,000 local jobs, according to Discover Long Island, the region's tourism board.

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FISHING IS BIG BUSINESS ON THE EAST END

The North Fork wineries alone attract 1.3 million visitors annually, according to a study conducted by Tourism Economics through the Empire State Development.

"There are so many gems to experience in the Hamptons," said Glenn O. Vickers II, President and CEO of Discover The Hamptons. "Westhampton Village, Southampton Village and East Hampton Village, to name a few, are wonderful communities to experience, and their local businesses provide world-class shopping, dining and beautiful natural resources to match."

The nonprofit Rauch Foundation, which issues in-depth studies on how the region is changing, released a May 12 report titled Long Island Downtowns: New Strategies for a Post-COVID World, which shed new light on the struggles local small businesses are facing and how local leaders can help them bounce back. The group hired HR&A Advisors, a consulting firm, to survey businesses in 30 downtowns islandwide and perform a quantitative analysis of 10 LI downtowns, including two on the East End: Greenport and Riverhead.

"Although most downtown businesses were growing before the pandemic, nearly one in five businesses "Tourism on Long Island is a
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were facing challenges related to unaffordable rents, competition from online commerce and staffing issues," the report found. "Post-COVID, more than one in three downtown food and beverage and retail businesses projected 50%-plus loss of revenue in 2020 compared to 2019."

Many were already struggling prior to the pandemic. The owners of 36 food and beverage businesses and 47 retail stores who responded to the survey reported that over the past two to five years, 19% experienced challenges hiring qualified workers, affording rent and competing with online companies—factors exacerbated by CO-VID-19. Suffolk's downtown vacancy rate was estimated at 14%, which is higher than the healthy average rate of 10%.

But there was good news as well. Of those polled, 57% said they were growing their business over the same time frame. And the report found downtowns that rebounded more quickly were generally those with leisure, food and beverage destinations.

For example, storefront visitation was down 74% in Greenport in April 2020 and October 2020 compared to November 2019, but bounced back 28% higher, the report found. Riverhead, however, saw its drop decline from 68% to 34%.

The report's authors issued recommendations for how local leaders can help foster the comeback. Suggestions included doubling down on financial support for small business, creating small and downtown business support divisions at county economic development departments, helping small businesses adopt new technologies, repositioning vacant storefronts for flexible, creative new uses, making outdoor dining permanent, cutting red tape for food and beverage businesses and creating year-round open streets.

"Our historic downtowns are a prized part of Long Island's identity," Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said. "It is essential to bolster both our immediate and long-term support to ensure not only their resurgence from the COVID-19 pandemic but continued growth well into the future."

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Our Amazing History: Sag Harbor Invasion

BY DAN RATTINER

Did you ever wonder if the leader of a hostile enemy force would put his finger on a map of the Hamptons and tell his men, "OK, let's do it." Well, it's happened. Four times. Guns blazing. It happened in 1640, in 1777, in 1812 and in 1942. One time in each of the last four centuries. This column is about the invasion in 1812.

The War of 1812 was started by the Americans in response to the failure of the British to agree to stop impressing American sailors at sea. Impressing meant that the British, armed, would hail American merchant ships, board them and then impress many of the American sailors—kidnap might be a better term—to become sailors in the British Navy.

In response to the American Declaration of War, the British ordered the major part of its navy to blockade the American seaports along the Atlantic Coast and, as a special punishment,

bring contingents of soldiers from the Men O' War ashore to set these port towns on fire. Indeed, many port towns were burned down this way. One contingent, preparing to land troops ashore to burn Baltimore, bombarded the town late at night as preparation. Watching from afar, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner." But what he didn't write was that, after the Americans drove the British back off Fort McHenry with the flag still there, the British did burn Baltimore.

At some point, a British admiral pointed a finger at a map that showed the town of Sag Harbor. The soldiers would row inland in small boats to Long Wharf, set up a defense, and burn all the ships tied up there while the Men O' War fired cannonballs to set fire to the rest of the town.

The Americans, of course, were expecting this. They'd been told of the British successes with the port towns in the Chesapeake Bay and Connecticut River where many towns were set on

fire. And they could see every day the fleet of Men O' War anchored directly off Sag Harbor, just sitting there, waiting.

South Fork militias from Bridgehampton, East Hampton and Southampton rode to Sag Harbor and carried off women and children to safety further inland. They then set up the artillery they had atop the nearby Turkey Hill overlooking the Long Wharf. They also posted sentries along the beaches to keep a 24-hour watch on the British fleet.

The attack began at night. The pounding from the hundreds of cannons on the British ships bounced heavy balls up Sag Harbor's Main Street, through windows and thin walls. Others caused fires which were quickly extinguished.

The British clambered onto the wharf to be immediately greeted by a hail of fire from the hill. The British fired their rifles and a small artillery gun they'd carried ashore. With torches under the hail of nails, the British set fire to just one of the ships at the wharf, but then quickly retreated to their rowboats



1800S ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE EAST END

for the trip back to the ships.

But they never returned. That was it. In Sag Harbor's John Jermain Library, you can read an account of that pathetic invasion through the eyes of a Sag Harbor wife who declined the trip inland and wrote in her diary what she saw.





of other literati. She also co-founded

CMEE, the Children's Museum of the

NEWS

Dan's Papers Welcomes Bridget LeRoy as **Managing Editor**

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

an's Papers is pleased to announce that Bridget LeRoy has joined the staff as managing editor.

After working at *The East Hampton* Star as a young adult, Bridget LeRoy co-founded The East Hampton Independent in 1993, which became The Independent Newspaper, and functioned as the arts editor and company president for the first seven years. During her (first) tenure, she was the recipient of more than 40 awards for journalism and editing from both regional and national press associations. She has interviewed everyone from Steven Spielberg to Martha Stewart, from Jane Fonda to Julie An-

She moved to New Hampshire in 2001 with her husband, Eric Johnson,

and their three kids, and there, she completely renovated and ran a 1792 inn and restaurant for eight years. She was recognized as an innkeeper of the Year by the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant A sociation four times. After moving back to the East End in 2010 and working again at the East

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dhist World Tribune for several years, she returned to The Independent in 2016 as managing editor, nabbing more recognition and

> Association and the Press Club of Long Island along the way.

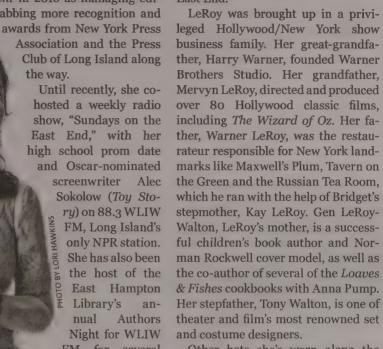
Until recently, she cohosted a weekly radio show, "Sundays on the East End," with her high school prom date and Oscar-nominated

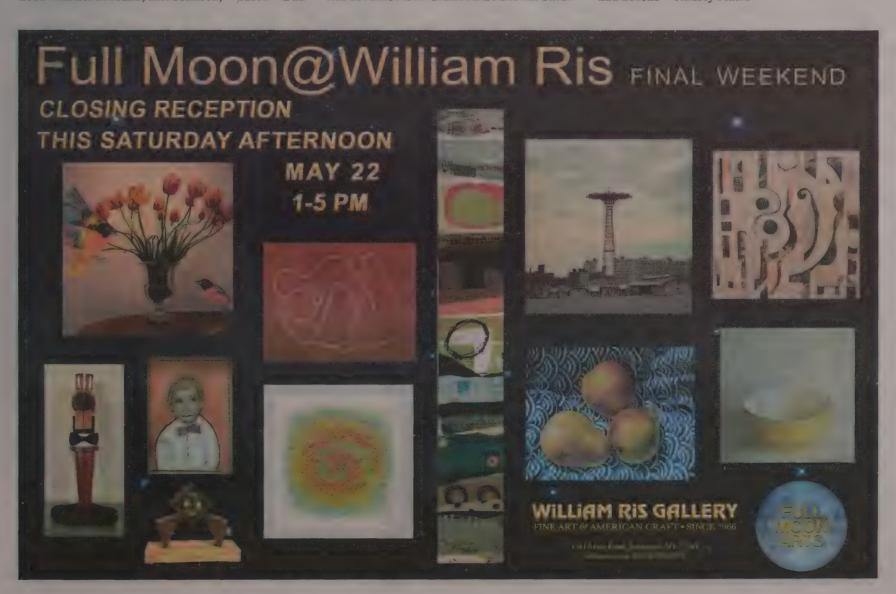
screenwriter Alec Sokolow (Tou Story) on 88.3 WLIW FM, Long Island's only NPR station. She has also been the host of the East Hampton Library's nual Night for WLIW FM for several years, interviewing, live, Alec Baldwin, Robert Caro, Lee Candace Bushnell

and dozens

Other hats she's worn along the way: Retreat leader, goat herder, ordained minister, pug breeder, yoga teacher, shamanic healer and model for some of the world's greatest living artists, including John Alexander and

Audrey Flack.





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67 SURFSIDE DRIVE, BRIDGEHAMPTON

Oceanfront Bridgehampton Home Made Famous in "Wall Street" Trades

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

n oceanfront home in Bridge-A hampton, a property made to be Gordon Gekko's house in the 1987 film Wall Street, officially sold on Thursday, closing at \$28.5 million.

The final figure for 67 Surfside Drive was, by all accounts, high given that the main home only has four bedrooms (five in total above the garage).

Hedgerow Exclusive Properties, which has closed several oceanfront deals over the past year, brought the buyer. The brokerage declined to comment. real estate news

The 2.2-acre property was listed with Beatte V. Moore of Sotheby's International Realty since late 2018. The last asking price was \$29.975 million, down from the listing price at \$34 million.

"To wind up with a price of \$28.5 million, I think was really a great outcome," she says. For most people, the 6,700-square-foot home was not big enough, though she felt it was a special property.

"What was breathtaking about it, the minute you would step through the front door you would see the walkway through the beach," she says. "The location was a 10."

The original home, designed by Charles Gwathmey, was featured in the Oliver Stone classic. As the sun rises over the ocean in front of the house, Gekko, played by Michael

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Douglas, talks on his nowancient-looking

phone telling protégé Bud Fox, "Money never sleeps."

In 2016, the home underwent an extensive_ renovation from what it looked like during the days of Wall Street. Master builder Ed Bulgin oversaw the project.

The outdoor entertaining space surrounding an oversized waterside gunite pool with a spa was a



THE VIEWS FROM THIS BRIDGEHAMPTON HOME ARE NOTHING SHORT OF STUNNING

particular draw, Moore says. There are double grills, a gas pizza oven and a fridge. "I called it an outdoor living room," she says.

Moore says her clients were patient, waiting it out for a figure they felt was reflective of the home's location. They had even turned down a \$25 million offer without even countering.

Meanwhile, Hedgerow Exclusive Properties continues to be a bit of an enigma. The new brokerage, which specializing in off-market trades, has done four oceanfront deals on Surfside Drive, including a record-setting \$37.5 million.

We'll continue to watch and see what this brokerage does next.



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Long Island's Oldest Running

Family Farm in Aquebogue Preserved

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Ahistoric purchase earlier this week will help keep Long Island's oldest running farm just that—a farm.

Suffolk County purchased the development rights to 11.16 acres of the Wells Homestead Acres farm in Aquebogue for \$613,800, which means the land is safe from potential development.

"There has been intense development pressure so the farmland preservation program is absolutely critical for Long Island and the survival of this industry," Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said at the announcement on Wednesday, May 5.

The farm, located at 4945 Sound Avenue, turned 360 years old this year and has been farmed by 12 generations, but came under threat after Lyle C. Wells died in a farm equipment accident in 2018 at the age of 62. Wells had been a leader in the farming community as a former president of the Long Island Farm Bureau and was known to grow the finest asparagus in the region.

Fittingly, the necessary deeds were signed a top an asparagus crate on the farm during the press conference.

Wells was remembered for his preservation efforts. According to Riverhead News Review article at the time of his death, a friend called him "the father of our land preservation efforts," noting how he had been the head of the committee to oversee land preservation in Riverhead and had been instrumental in initiating the Transfer Development Rights program there.

The 11 acres are now apart of the Suffolk County Farmland protection program, which has amassed 11,000 acres in what has become a model of preservation nationwide.

Wells' adult children will continue to farm the land.

Suffolk County agriculture is among the most diverse in the state, according to Bellone. Agriculture generates more than \$226 million in sales annually, according to the county executive. The



county boasts over 560 farms that employ more than 4,600 people.

"The history of the Wells family farm is connected to the history of the North Fork having provided the region with squash, asparagus and other vegetables on land that has been in the family since 1661," Bellone said in a statement.

In January, Suffolk County closed on two land acquisitions, preserving almost 140 acres of open space and farmland along the historic Sound Avenue corridor in the Town of Riverhead, according to Legislator Al Krupski, who is also a farmer.

Purchasing development rights not only prevents potential development that can lead to higher property taxes, but also protects water quality and quantity and ensures the production of food and other agricultural products in the future, Krupski has said in the past.



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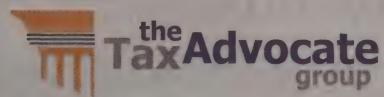
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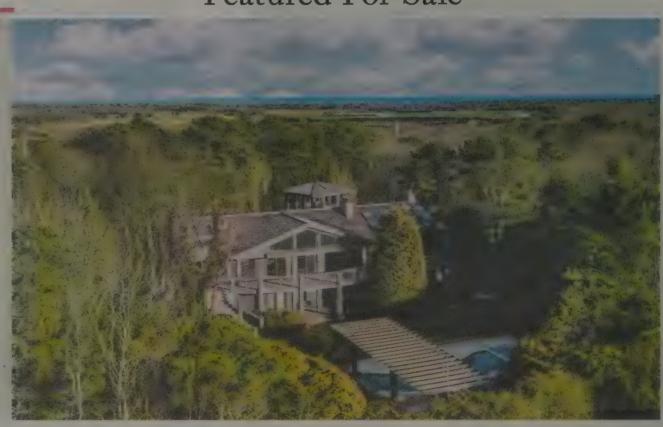
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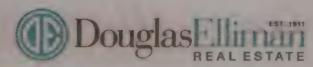
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Shutterstock's Jonathan Oringer

Lists Bridgehampton Oceanfront Home for \$52 Million

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A rather striking modern home just feet from the ocean surf in Bridge-hampton has found its way back on the market. The 10,300-square-foot, home which sits on slightly more than two acres at 125 Mid Ocean Drive was listed last week for \$52 million with Douglas Elliman Real Estate's Erica Grossman and Michaela Keszler.

The house, which has 160.46 feet of ocean frontage, sold for \$40 million in 2014 when it was reported that Jonathan Oringer, the billionaire founder of Shutterstock, a stock media and editing tools provider, was the buyer.

Grossman and Keszler declined to comment through Douglas Elliman.

"The ocean can be seen and heard from anywhere on the property, creating an atmosphere of relaxed paradise," they say in the listing.

Built in 2014 by Ben Krupinski Builder, the home was designed by Barnes Coy Architects with detailed elements and every turn. Interior features include walnut and limestone floors throughout, high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling glass windows and doors, letting natural light flow into each space.

The main floor includes an open gourmet kitchen, a dining area, a living room and large den/media room with a custom bar area.

There is also a large gym with a half bath, an office and a studio. A game room/play room with a private spa area leads to the pool deck and outdoor space.

An infinity edge gunite pool with a spa and sun shelf are not to be overshadowed by the ocean view. An outdoor kitchen offers a grilling station and an adjacent outdoor living room features a fireplace and a television allowing for true indoor-outdoor living on the 1,800 square feet of patio/terraces and outdoor entertainment space.

The expansive living spaces and ocean views continues on the upper levels. There are a total of eight bedrooms, nine bathrooms and three half baths in the home. A master suite has its own floor with office, grand bath-



room with soaking tub and an ocean view terrace.

All of the bathrooms are equipped with custom stone and high-end fixtures, as well modern and open showers, with no detail left unnoticed, the listing says.

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20 Tips To Help Keep Your Yard Deer-Free

Deer may be cute, but they will ravage your garden. Here are 20 tips for keeping Bambi at bay.

LIMIT TASTY PLANTS Think twice about growing lots of English ivy, lettuces, beans, peas, hostas, impatients, and pansies.

KEEP DEER-FAVORITE PLANTS CLOSE TO THE HOUSE That way, you can keep tabs on the plant's progress.

PLANT PUNGENT PERENNIALS Patches of strongly scented herbs can mask other appealing plants.

PLANT THORNY, HAIRY, OR PRICKLY FOLIAGE Try incorporating fuzzy lamb's ear, barberries, and cleome near the plants you want to protect.

MAKE DEER-RESISTANT SUBSTITUTIONS Trade tulips for daffodils, which top deer-resistant plant lists.

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND Plant large, sprawling deer repellent varieties such as thick hedges of boxwoods around your garden.

CLEANLINESS COUNTS Trim tall grasses to deter bedding deer. Pick fruits once they're ripe.

CREATE LEVELS Adding terraces or sunken beds can discourage them from coming into the yard.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF SCARE TACTICS Scarecrows, sundials, and other garden ornaments make deer skittish.

FENCE IT IN Make sure fences are at least 8-feet high WRAP NEW PLANTINGS Placing netting over fruit,

bulbs, and bushes.

ROTATING REPELLENTS Havahart's Deer Away Big Game Repellent targets a sense of smell to keep deer out of your yard.

USE A LOT OF HOMESPUN REPELLENTS Some gardeners swear by hanging fabric softener strips and/or wrapped bars of soap from trees.

AVOID POISONOUS PRODUCTS Always choose humane formulas—never poisons.

TRING FISHING LINE This clear, taut barrier also confuses deer, causing them to flee.

LET FIDO OUT Dogs are effective in deer management.

STRATEGICALLY PLACE MOTION-ACTIVATED SPRINKLERS Sprinklers with sensors will make deer flee.

SHINE A LIGHT ON IT Installing motion-sensitive floodlights will stop deer.

MAKE A LOT OF NOISE Create a tin can wind chime, for example.

SWITCH IT UP Deer are like people. The same thing that deters one won't always deter another, but doubling—or tripling—up on these strategies can only help.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

This Week's Cover Artist:

Ilene Silberstein



BY DAVID TAYLOR

E very work of art has a unique story—some come together in a burst of inspiration, others take years to fully form. Ilene Silberstein shares the story of this week's cover, "A French Moment," which began years ago with the purchase of a tablecloth.

Tell us about "A French Moment" and the inspiration behind it.

Many years ago, I bought a lovely tablecloth on a bike ride in Provence, France. I knew when I bought it that someday it would be part of a painting. Years later, I was buying flowers to paint, and the moment I saw the tulips, I knew that they belonged on top of that tablecloth—in a painting. A lovely afternoon in Provence, sitting in a garden with flowers and trees and maybe a good glass of wine, all came together to motivate.

What does your artistic process typically look like, and was it any different for this particular piece?

I am inspired by the beauty of nature in many forms. I may see a beautiful flower in a field and paint it the next day, or I may carry around that inspiration for years until a particular sight or event generates the moment to start a painting. "A French Moment" evolved over years.

What makes this piece such an ideal fit for a *Dan's Papers* cover?

We are starting to feel and see the life and color of spring all along the East End. And as we emerge from the pandemic, color is coming back to our lives. The colors in "A French Moment" feel vibrant, happy and with promise of better times and a period of renewal.

What inspires you most as an artist, either in general or at this moment in time?

I am driven to create—be it oil painting, mosaics, pastels, gardening and more. The growth, piece by piece, of a painting or a planting energizes me. It is the beauty of nature in its many forms, such as a new bud and a withering flower both have their own beauty.

What are your favorite spots on the East End during the spring, and do these locales appear in your work?

The shorelines of the Peconic near me in Cutchogue are an always-changing canvas near to me. The lavender fields are a seasonal favorite along with the many farms of the North Fork. There are so many undiscovered possibilities here on the East End that I look forward to exploring. And often, walking out the back door into my vegetable and flower gardens is all I need for motivation.

Discover Silberstein's art at the LV Gallery, 27 Forest Avenue in Locust Valley, until June 15. Her work can also be seen online at ilenesilberstein.com and on Instagram at @ilenesilber.

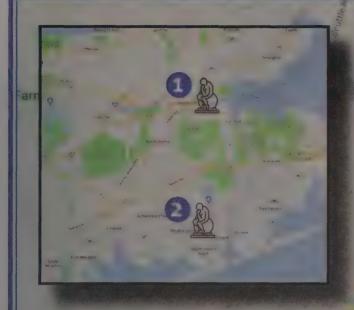






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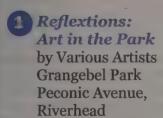




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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

David Geiser

Honoring a Local Artist with a World View

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

hen David Geiser, an abstract expressionist painter and by most accounts "a cool guy" passed away suddenly of congestive heart failure in his art studio in Springs this past October (he was 73), the local art community and those who knew and loved him around the world were in shock.

A prolific artist and illustrator who lived for glorious sunrises, sunsets and, in between, a day of art-making in the studio, Geiser was known to ride his gearless bicycle, Willem de Kooning-style, around East Hampton, stopping by friends' and neighbors' homes to say hello, and invariably passing out a flyer for his latest show.

He had travelled the world, studying in Paris at the École des Beaux Arts, but for the last 20 years of his life, he found peace and inspiration on the East End, particularly in Springs.

"Life is short, art is long," goes the saying, and for Geiser fans and those who appreciate art, Geiser is being honored with a show of his works, currently running at the Keyes Art Gallery in Sag Harbor.

A private memorial honoring the life and art of David Geiser will also take place at the Keyes Art Gallery, out in the garden on May 23. And starting in June and running to September, Geiser's work will be featured in an East End Arts Council group show *Detour II*.

"Dave was a unique artist of the Hamptons," says Julie Keyes, owner of the gallery which has shown Geiser's work many times in the past, including an installation of Geiser's prints in Saudi Arabia two years ago "at the king's house (King Salman)."

"He is extraordinarily interested in texture and surface, with an innate rhythm and balance," adds Keyes. "Along with that, he has an innate abstraction that most artists out here would kill for."

Geiser's longtime partner Mercedes Ruehl, the Academy Award-winning actress, and their son Jake Ruehl—who all lived together in Springs since 2000 until a few years ago, when Geiser moved out to his own studio space in Springs—are helping to plan the memorial.

"The show is beautiful, and we are putting some new pieces in for the cel-



DAVID GEISER, ECHO CENOTE, 2016

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extraordinarily interested in texture and surface, with an innate rhythm and balance.
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ebration just for that day," says Mercedes Ruehl, adding, "I think Dave would have loved to have attended it."

According to Ruehl, Geiser—who was born in Rochester and studied art at the University of Vermont, as well as at the Art Students League of New York—actually began his college career on a football scholarship.

"Dave was a big football hero in high school," says Ruehl. "But by the end of the first year, he admitted to himself that he never really liked football and had already started to turn towards art and illustration and wound up majoring in art."

Ruehl says Geiser "skipped graduate school at Yale to move to San Francisco in the summer of 1969—where the action was," she says.

"He liked the 'Beatnik' lingo," adds Ruehl with a laugh. "He loved to say, 'Hey babe,' or, 'What's shakin', Daddy-O?' He always called women 'beautiful.' Dave lived in that art world of the 1950s and 1960s—clearly his favorite time," she says.

Geiser stayed in California for several years, immersing himself in the underground comics scene. He married and had a son, Cameron.

Ruehl says one of Geiser's heroes was Paul Gauguin, prompting a move to Paris to study. "He absorbed a lot in Paris," says Ruehl. "His notebooks are filled with pictures of people in cafes—they are wonderful characters; he was almost like a Daumier in the '70s, chronicling Paris."

In 1980 Geiser settled in Soho, living and working in a big loft on West Broadway, where his work began to move towards Abstract Expressionism. Ruehl and Geiser met through a wonderful artist and friend, Cynthia Knott, formerly of Springs, "probably in 1997," says Ruehl.

After Ruehl's mother passed, and the owner of Geiser's loft sold the building, Ruehl decided to move out east and build a house in Springs on Long Woods Lane. "It was the only way I could accommodate my father, who was alive at the time and a paraplegic, his healthcare worker, plus Dave, Jake and myself," says Ruehl. Geiser set up his studio out of the garage.

"I had never lived with an artist before," says Ruehl, "and what I found rather extraordinary was he went in the studio in the morning and worked the better part of the day in the studio

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT







DAVID GEISER, GOLDEN ECHO CENOTE, 2016; DAVID GEISER, MEXICAN THISTLE, 2015; DAVID GEISER, OAXACA, 2003

making art. He described it as 'another day to make something rare."

Ruehl says he was "much happier" when he moved out to his own studio in Springs. "I think he was a restless spirit," reflects Ruehl. "I think he loved several women but could never stay with anyone for a long time—he stayed with me longer than any. ... I also think he was a loner. He liked working solitarily, in his man cave. He did the 'Boho dance' with people, but basically he was an introvert. The totality of him was unique and special."

In the end, Ruehl says Geiser "passed peacefully, in his sleep, in his studio." She is emphatic about Geiser's bond with Jake.

"Dave loved Jake. They had formed a very deep relationship," she says. "I think Dave's other great love was our cocker spaniel, Lola," she adds laughing. "Of course he adored his son Cameron, too, but Jake and Lola were his two great loves in East Hampton," she says. "I, on the other hand, was tolerated."

Jake has been busy preparing for Dave's memorial. "He was the anchor," says Jake with affection. "Dave was the coolest guy and wanted to be the coolest guy around. He was the person I would go to, to have a taco and a beer with or to visit in his studio so we could reassure each other we weren't going crazy in this crazy world," he

With about 100 pieces of Geiser's art left, and countless drawings, Jake has taken to sharing some of Geiser's artwork on t-shirts and jean jackets,



DAVID GEISER, MERCEDES RUEHL, JAKE RUEHL

scouring Dave's notebooks for images and then scanning and sending them to a vinyl transfer company and then pressing the transfers onto the clothing.

"At first I made the jackets and t-shirts to give to Dave's friends, but then people who didn't even know Dave wanted them," says Jake, "and we've been flying through them." He sells them though a website he created, deadpoetsredux.com. The jackets and t-shirts are also available at the Keyes Art Gallery.

Mercedes Ruehl, who wrote the artist statement for the show, summed up her feelings and those closest to Geiser, in this way:

"His sons Cameron, Jake and I knew this ancient man inside the modern one and dearly miss him," she writes. "He was, as Shakespeare said, 'A man, take him for all in all. We shall not look upon his like again."

David Geiser's art work will be displayed at the Keyes Art Gallery in Sag Harbor through June 10. For more information, visit juliekeyesart.com. Geiser's work can also be seen in the East End Arts Council's group exhibition Detour II, in Riverhead, from June 5 to September 5. To learn more, visit eastendarts.org.

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HALLOCKVILLE FIBER FAIR

guildhall.org

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Hallockville Museum Farm gives fairgoers a chance to see and learn how local artisans craft wool and other animal fiber into beautiful, finished pieces of clothing and art. There will be plenty of demonstrations, vendors and all kinds of fiber-based fun for the whole family. 6038 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-298-5292, hallockville.com

THE STORY OF PLASTIC SCREENING & DISCUSSION

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 6:30 P.M. Depicting a world rapidly becoming overrun with toxic material, The Story of Plastic brings into focus an alarming, man-made crisis, using striking footage, original animations and archival material. The panel features Erica Cirino, Cindy Pease Roe, Kara Hahn, Beth Fiteni and George Povall. The event takes place on the Southampton Arts Center West Lawn. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org

INDEPENDENCE DAY DRIVE-IN

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 8:30 P.M.

Get your ticket to watch the epic film Independence Day on The Gateway's massive drive-in movie screen and prepare for a night full of nostalgia. Tickets are \$40 per car. 215 South Country Road, Bellport.

thegateway.org

CRUISE NIGHT CAR SHOW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 5-9 P.M.

Cruise nights are back! This weekly event is a family-oriented, kid-friendly car show in The Shoppes at East Wind Long Island parking lot. Shop, eat and check out the fine array of classic cars. 5720 NY-25A, Wading River. eastwindlongisland.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

SPRING BIRD WALK

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 9 A.M. Discover the various species of birds

that live on the North Fork's northern coast. Bring binoculars so you can get a closer look at these local beauties. Reservations are free but required. 631-315-5475, parks.ny.gov

WATERMILL CENTER **COMMUNITY DAY**

SATURDAY, MAY 22, NOON-2 P.M. Community Day at The Watermill Center invites the public to experience its 10-acre property as a space to explore, relax and get inspired. Community Day features a theater workshop with Rachel Dickstein, live music by Molly Joyce, an interactive installation by Laurie Lam-

brecht and Art Quest, a self-guided tour and scavenger hunt of the center's outdoor art collection. Guests must purchase tickets (\$15-\$35) in advance.

39 Water Mill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org

FOREST THERAPY WALK

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 11 A.M.

Join certified forest therapy guide Linda Lombardo on a walk at the historic Downs Farm Preserve to reconnect with the natural world around us. The group will wander the trails, slow down and notice what most of the world simply walks past—the beauty

of nature waking up to spring. The group will also do some grounding, connect with the trees and water and create some nature art together. Registration is \$8.

23800 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-765-6450, groupfortheeastend.org

AXE THROWING TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 12:30-3 P.M.

No experience needed for this fun outdoor event-just create your team of four and get ready to kick some axe! Registration is \$30, and you'll be competing against axe throwers of all skill levels. The goal is to be the best of the bunch on the chopping block for your chance at a cash prize.

817 Pulaski Street, Riverhead. longirelandbeer.com

HORSESHOE CRAB BEACH WALK

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 5:30 P.M.

Join marine biologist Lindsey Rohrbach at Pike's Beach for a walk and talk about local horseshoe crabs. Witnessing this annual congregation of prehistoric-like creatures, learning of their unusual characteristics, their fight for survival and how citizen science has attributed to the knowledge of these marvelous creatures make this an event well worth attending. Registration is \$10 for adults; \$7 for kids. Pike's Beach, West Hampton Dunes. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

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SALON CONCERT: PIANIST NADEJDA VLAEVA

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 6 P.M.

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631-283-2118, parrishart.org

THE REAMES DUO IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 7:30 P.M.

Twin Forks Musicivic welcomes back the Reames Duo, vocalist Christopher Reames and pianist Kanako Reames—for a virtual performance of works by Gerald Finzi and Claude Debussy. Registration is free but required.

twinforksmusicivic.org

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END



REGGIE D. WHITE

INTRO TO ACTING WITH REGGIE D. WHITE

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 11 A.M.

New York-based multidisciplinary artist Reggie D. White hosts an intro to acting, a fun and interactive presentation for anyone whose bucket list includes taking an acting class. This free virtual seminar is part of Bay Street Theater's Lifelong Learning Series. baystreet.org

AUTHOR EVENT: AMANDA M. FAIRBANKS

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 5 P.M.

BookHampton hosts a virtual author event featuring Amanda M. Fairbanks just in time for the release of her new book The Lost Boys of Montauk. She'll be joined by journalists Biddle Duke and David Rattray for the book discussion. Registration is required.

bookhampton.com

STRIKE A POSE ON-DEMAND

NOW THROUGH JUNE 13.

In 1990, seven young male dancerssix gay, one straight-joined Madonna on her most controversial tour. On stage and in the iconic film Truth or Dare, they showed the world how to express yourself. Now, 25 years later, they reveal the truth about life during and after the tour, when they were ambassadors to the world on behalf of the LGBTQ community during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Strike a Pose is a dramatic tale about overcoming shame and finding the courage to be who you are. Rental tickets are \$5. whbpac.org

FAMILY FUN

WESTHAMPTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

The WHB Farmers Market on the Village Green hosts over 60 vendors, grow-

ers and producers providing locally grown, caught and homemade items. More than a place to buy food, this market is an event you can share with friends, family and the community. Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. westhamptonchamber.org

WORLD TURTLE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 11 A.M.

Meet a variety of live turtles and tortoises during Quogue Wildlife Refuge's annual World Turtle Day celebration. Participants will learn all about Long Island's turtles through a short. presentation, then they'll meet some turtles while learning about ways to help local species. Families should bring a blanket to sit on. Reservations are \$5.

3 Old Country Road, Quoque. quoquewildliferefuge.org

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

SATURDAY, MAY 22, NOON-2 P.M. Participate in a family-friendly scavenger hunt around Southampton Village. Visit some historical landmarks and learn about the area while having fun. Register on the Rogers Memorial Library website and your first clue will be emailed to you the day of the event. Southampton Village. myrml.org

MONDAYS AT MADOO

MONDAY, MAY 24, 10 A.M.

The Hampton Library is hosting storytime in the Madoo Conservancy garden, in which families can enjoy the beauty of nature. Bring a blanket and spend some time discovering all the wonderful things about Madoo. Registration is required.

618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. familyfun@hamptonlibrary.org, madoo.org

FAMILY PILATES SERIES

MONDAY, MAY 24, 10 A.M.

The whole family is invited to join Quogue Library and instructor Leisa DeCarlo to learn the basics of Pilates through a series of exercises designed to work all major muscle groups. Pilates focuses on strengthening and lengthening as well as alignment and coordination.

quoguelibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

EAST END PHOTOGRAPHERS: STILL SEARCHING...

MAY 22 & 23.

The East End Photographers Group is celebrating spring with their annual photographic exhibition entitled Still Searching... at Ashawagh Hall. The exhibition features guest curator



"THE CIRCLE" BY LUCY VILLENEUVE

Marilyn Stevenson. 780 Springs Fireplace Road, Springs.

ART BASIL 2021 EXHIBITION

631-324-9612, eastendphotogroup.org

MAY 22 & 23, 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

VSOP Projects and Treiber Farms present Art Basil 2021, a multi-faceted presentation of food and farm related art at The Old Barn at Treiber Farms. Food-themed artworks and ambitiously curated art projects will be exhibited beside artful arrangements of plants, produce and farm goods produced on Treiber Farms' 60-acre North Fork property. The event includes presentations, readings and more.

38320 County Road 48, Peconic. 631-603-7736, vsopprojects.com

TEN PAINTINGS UPSTAIRS **EXHIBITION**

NOW THROUGH MAY 23.

One of VSOP Projects' two new exhibitions, Ten Paintings Upstairs is a collection of works by Aviv Benn, B. Chehayeb, Derek Erdman, Jessica Frances Grégoire Lancaster, Isidore McCandlish, Arthur Meirelles, Polly Shindler, Emanuele Tozzoli, Ellen Van Dusen and Caleb Weiss.

38320 County Road 48, Peconic. 631-603-7736, vsopprojects.com

20TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART HIGHLIGHTS

ON VIEW THROUGH MAY 31.

A selection of works from Phillips' upcoming sales of 20th Century & Contemporary Art will be on view at the auction house's Southampton outpost through the end of May. Stop by to see important and rarely seen works by Jean-Michel Basquiat, Alexander Calder, Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein, among other post-war and contemporary masters.

1 Hampton Road, Southampton. 212-848-1750, phillips.com

MYSTERIES: DAVID GEISER & LUCY VILLENEUVE

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 10.

Mysteries at Keyes Art Gallery pays homage to David Geiser while marking the event of Lucy Villeneuve's first major show. Geiser's canvases are tactile and deep, often being composed of many layers of shellac, pitch, tar, rope and scrap wood. Villeneuve works with the elements of Daoism and specifically the Wu Wei, the art of non-doing, while focusing on the experience of painting rather than the work itself. 45 Main Street, Sag Harbor.

631-808-3588. juliekeyesart.com

FOOD DRINK

Sushi Rolls Up to Blu Mar Hamptons

BY BRIDGET LEROY

Even though it has a Main Street address in Southampton, Blu Mar feels miles away from the hustle and bustle of a major road. The inside features soaring ceilings, and the outside patio, with its linen tablecloths, conjures up images of dining in Greece or elsewhere in the Mediterranean.

The restaurant, owned by Zach Erdem of 75 Main, also in Southampton, specializes in Mediterranean seafood, with a mouthwatering menu featuring fish in all its forms.

And now, a touch of the East comes to Blu Mar—a sushi menu, which will be available in the new Buddha Lounge at Blu Mar, a more casual area featuring a tent, comfortable seating and the ability to order drinks and appetizers for those looking for lighter fare.

Justin Shiller, a manager at the restaurant, is proud of Blu Mar's quality of purchase, referring to local fish and produce as being the mainstay of the menu.

During a sushi tasting, the chef brought out samples of tuna tataki (so fresh it was practically swimming), and several tasty rolls—one featuring tuna wrapped around crispy rice ("all the rage now," said Erdem with a smile) and a spicy shrimp de tempura roll with mango and srirabelly. cha. A veggie roll featured fresh asparagus and tasted as if it had just light bit been picked.

Sashimi was next, including a salmon that had been marinated, and was exceptionally delicious.

For those in the mood for something other than sushi, Blu Mar Hamptons offers lunch and dinner seven days a week. There are interesting spins on classic dishes; for example, guacamole made with charcoaled zucchini and served up with chips and salsa as a starter, but also roasted ribs with lemongrass served over green bamboo rice, a colorful vegan salad and handcrafted pasta, including glutenfree choices.

"Try the key lime pie," offered a customer from another table. "It's superb."

"So is the lobster roll," added her companion.

"We really like to think there's something for everyone," Shiller said, with a grin.

The grilled whole fish of the day is always whatever is freshest. And there's veal chop, steak, Scottish salmon and more dishes that will

delight the mouth and fill the belly.

But those who are looking for a light bite can stop in and relax at the Buddha Lounge at Blu Mar. The sushi menu goes live this week.

Blu Mar Hamptons is located at 136 Main Street, Southampton. The phone number is 631-488-4570. Reservations are suggested. blumarhamptons.com "We really like to think there's something for everyone."



OWNER ZACH ERDEM IS OPENING THE BUDDHA LOUNGE AT BLU MAR TO OFFER LIGHTER FARE IN A MORE CASUAL SETTING.

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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Baron's Cove Chef Recipe, Manna at Lobster Inn Debut & More

BY HARRY POWERS

CHEF HIGHLIGHT: NICK VOGEL, BARON'S COVE

Chef Nick Vogel grew up in the restaurant business. His family operated a bar in Philadelphia, and he learned how to cook from his mother and grandmother. He went on to gain experience in bartending, serving and restaurant management. And although he tried a different path in life—graduating with a degree in finance from Coastal Carolina University and working briefly in that world—the allure of cooking quickly drew him back in.

Nick worked as a line cook at the acclaimed Ebbitt Room in Cape May, NJ and as a farmhand at nearby Beach Plum Farm. After nearly three years as a chef in Washington, D.C., he headed north to Sag Harbor, taking over the kitchen at Baron's Cove. Vogel and his team at Baron's Cove have recently joined Dock to Dish, a "CSA for fish" cooperative based out of Montauk. As part of the program, Long Island fishermen bring product straight to the restaurant from the boat, allowing Vogel access to the freshest and most sustainable product available. Baron's Cove is one of only five Long Island restaurants to gain acceptance into the program.

Curious to learn how Chef Vogel makes the delicious monkfish bites at Baron's Cove? Find out here, with the official Baron's Cove Monkfish Bites Recipe.

8 oz monkfish tail: Cut into four 2-oz bitesize pieces

Tempura batter: Make with 2 cups of sparkling water (for best results, make sure it's cold), 3 eggs, 2 cups of AP flour. Whisk eggs then whisk in water, and then slowly whisk in flour until no lumps are present.

Honey hot sauce: Make with 1 cup of your favorite hot sauce, 1/2 cup honey, 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar, 2 tbsp brown sugar, 1/4 lb of butter. In a pot on medium-low heat, combine hot sauce, honey and sugar. After five minutes whisk in sugar, vinegar and butter until combined.

Dill crème fraîche: You'll need 4 oz dill, 1 cup crème fraîche, 1 the fresh lemon juice, 1/4 cup yogurt, salt and pepper to taste. Mince dill very fine (at the restaurant, it's dehydrated and made it into a powder, but for the home cook, fresh will be great). Mix in with crème fraîche, lemon juice, yogurt and season to your taste.

Final steps: Have a bowl of corn starch set aside with salt and pepper to dredge the monkfish in, 1–2 cups will work great. Also have canola oil or your choice of frying oil in a pot or cast-iron skillet ready at 350 degrees. Dust monkfish in corn starch, place into tempura batter and slowly lay it into the hot oil, 5–6 minutes until golden brown, and it is ready. Take out and toss in your hot sauce, and place over the dill crème fraîche or set aside to use as a dipping sauce. Garnish with celery leaves and chives.

Find more of Chef Vogel's dishes at Baron's Cove, located at 31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Learn more at baronscove.com and docktodish.com.

What's the restaurant scene in Amagansett these days? The Stephen Talkhouse, well known for its tunes and good vibes, now serves good food. It recently partnered with Sute Kitchen and is whipping up some smoked delicious eats. Orders can be placed online until 11:30 p.m. at sute.kitchen. Vegans can look forward to jackfruit sliders and tacos while omnivores can enjoy smoked shrimp tacos, homemade kielbasa and BBO pork sliders.

Need a place for brunch this weekend? Wölffer Estate Vineyard's sister project, Wölffer Kitchen, is serving up brunch and dinner at its Bohemian eatery in Amagansett. Menu highlights include chorizo egg wrap, chicken hash and crispy truffle fries. wolfferkitchen.com

Since its opening two years ago, **Coche Comedor** has been hustling and bustling with happy clients eager to dine at the Mexican restaurant. As if its mixed drink menu wasn't electrifying enough, the eatery recently introduced several new cocktails to its menu. Check out the new roster on the website. *cochecomedor.com*

Now that the weather is warming up, dining at Main Street Tavern's beer garden should be your next night out spot. Chef Anand Sastry

presents a menu of seasonal and savory dishes such as teriyaki salmon, yellow chicken curry and zucchini fritters. mainstreettavern.com

Rosie's is supporting Amagansett's vital farming community by locally sourcing its ingredients to offer its clients the

freshest plates. "Blunch" is available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. along with raw juices, lattes and Nu-Milk drinks. Make a reservation to enjoy a meal in the sleek dining room or on the cozy outdoor patio nestled in an alleyway in the heart of Amagansett. rosiesamagansett.com

Breaking News: Southampton's erstwhile top waterfront dining spot, The Lobster Inn, will reopen under new ownership, a new management



MONKFISH BITES AT BARON'S COVE



BARON'S COVE EXECUTIVE CHEF NICK VOGEL

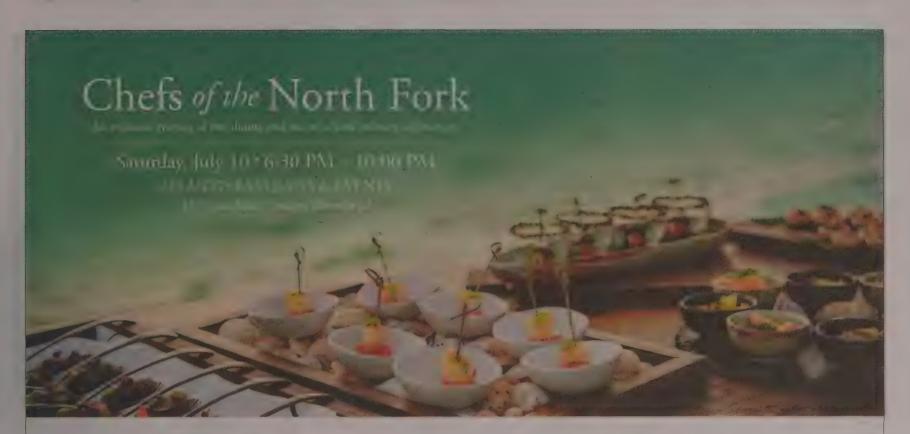
team and with a new concept. Manna at Lobster Inn will feature indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar and a lounge area, all with a water view. The brainchild of offshore aquaculture pioneer Donna Lanzetta and Sag Harbor restaurateur Ryunosuke Jesse Matsuoka (Sen and K Pasa), the restaurant will feature sustainable seafood courtesy of Executive Chef Thomas Bogia. Appetizers will range in price from \$9-\$16. Sample appetizers include double-infused shrimp scampi and charred Cobb salad. Entrees will range in price from \$24-\$32. Look for a lobster roll, sushi, skate, porgy and other fin fish and mollusks. The 198-seat restaurant hopes to open by Memorial Day weekend. mannarestaurant.com

Part of the concept includes **Manna Fish Farms** which is pioneering to be one of the first U.S. permitted open ocean finfish farms in federal waters. The property was initially acquired in 2018 in a collaborative purchase with the Town of Southampton, wherein the town purchased the marina, the restaurant group purchased the restaurant, and the fish farm purchased the land across from the restaurant for fish farming, selling back the development rights on that farmland to the town. *mannafishfarms.com*

@PopUpBagels, an exclusive bagel club that has taken over the Fairfield County food scene, has announced it will offer its bagels in the Hamptons for the summer season. Currently joined with two local Hamptons kitchens, owner Adam Goldberg plans to have the epic bagels and schmear packages available by subscription and advance sale only. The bagels will be available in the Hamptons beginning Memorial Day Weekend and customers will pick designated times to help assure the freshest experience and "no bagel lines." To keep up with its whereabouts, visit their Instagram page @PopUpBagels or visit popupbagels.com.

Quote of the Week: "The disparity between a restaurant's price and food quality rises in direct proportion to the size of the pepper mill." —Bryan Miller, former restaurant critic for The New York Times

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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Justin Schwartz, Mattitaco

"[My greatest achievement?]
I'm here doing this interview,
six feet above ground."

Mattitaco Food Truck or eaten at the restaurant in Mattituck, it's impossible to deny the incredible freshness and authenticity of the tacos on offer. Owner Justin Schwartz is bringing the delectable tacos to Dan's Chefs of the North Fork on Saturday, July 10.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Corn.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

The bounty of locally available ingredients.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

Both my parents and Dude, my first dog. Matzah brei.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

Paella and absolutely.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Work smarter, not harder.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

I chopped myself from the *Chopped* final round of interviews for the show. The people conducting the interview kept calling me "Chef Justin Schwartz." I'm not a chef. I kept correcting them and finally said, "Please stop calling me 'chef;' it's a total discredit to people who are chefs!" They stopped the interview and said I could leave.

Who do you most admire in the food and wine world, and why?

Chef Noah Schwartz for doing the damn thing, getting it done and changing the game once again. And Chef Alex Stupak for the same damn reason

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Mattitaco, obviously.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Caring for my seven rescue dogs,



MATTITACO OWNER JUSTIN SCHWARTZ

surfing, skateboarding, traveling and living my best life.

What's your comfort food, and why?

Wednesday's Table egg, cheese and chorizo breakfast sandwich—puts me in my happy place.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

Sheesh, it's like 32 years in the industry for me. I think the only other job I really have had is working on boats, so probably fishing or sea tow or something like that.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

DansTaste.com

Alan Gabay's tandoori chicken—had to be 25-plus years ago I ate it, and I still remember exactly what it tasted like. Also, Nosmo King's skate wing burrito.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Ecuador never ceases to amaze me—the food, the people, the culture.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I'm here doing this interview, six feet above ground.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

I'm a lefty, so the line always has to get flipped when I'm working.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

It's a f—ing awesome community of really awesome people—so stoked to be a part of it.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu? Local tuna cooked every which way.

We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

Don't let the door hit you where the good lord split you. Thanks for a whaley good summer, see you next year.

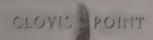
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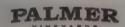












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Chef Elyse Richman, Shock Ice Cream
Chef Spiro Karachopan, Spiro
Chef Scott Kampf, Union Sushi & Steak

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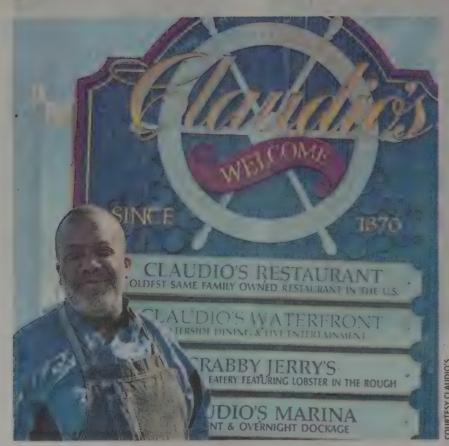






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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK



CHEF MIKE JEANTY

while 10 years of Dan's Taste events is an exciting milestone to hit, that's got nothing on the Claudio's family of restaurants, which celebrated turning 150 in 2020. Calling them a Greenport institution would be the understatement of the century (and a half)! Chef Mike Jeanty will show off some of Claudio's signature cuisine at Dan's Chefs of the North Fork on Saturday, July 10.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Strawberries.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

I always find myself inspired by reading and, of course, by other chefs like Jean-Georges.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

I love seafood and find that preparing any type of fish is both fun and delicious!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Pay it forward through teaching. When I first started many years ago, I didn't know much about cooking, and through the guidance and teaching of Chef Franklin Becker, I learned an incredible amount. He gave me the opportunity to grow, and through that I

learned that is the best thing you can do for others.

Who do you most admire in the food and wine world, and why?

I absolutely love creating new dishes and pairing them with wine. Building a tasting menu is pure fun.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

I dare not assume what the incredible and dynamic East End marketplace will call the next big thing.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

The kitchen is my life. The next best thing is spending time with loved ones.

What's your comfort food, and why?

Chicken and waffles! I just love the flavor pairing—sweet and salty.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

Construction. It's a family business that I started in when I was 14, and if I wasn't in the kitchen, I'd be on a job site.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

I've got to say snake. I had it in the South and will never forget it.

Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Mike Jeanty, Claudio's

"The kitchen is my life. The next best thing is spending time with loved ones."

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

This past year I took a trip through the South (Louisiana, Texas, Georgia). It was a personal vacation that turned into a food lovers trip that got me excited about cooking during a time when our industry, especially New York, was going through it.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I don't think I will be able to answer that question fully for few more years, but I do I have one situation I am really proud of. I was still young in the kitchen and a newly named head chef and my sous chef ended up having personal issues that required him to no-show. It was summer in a Manhattan DansTaste.com waterside hotspot, and I was left to steer the ship and call the shots. I felt like a lone wolf, but through perseverance, grit, teamwork and a little bit of madness, I got through it with flying

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

I love my early morning quiet time in the kitchen.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

The incredible access to local farmers and fisherman who are passionate

about what they do and whose deep knowledge about their specialty is inspiring and provides and requires accountability.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"Sweet Child o' Mine" by Guns N'

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

Without a doubt, it has to be foie gras, caviar, chicken and waffles and a fresh fish dish.

We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

Every year at this time, we find ourselves craving that sunshine and summer life, that relaxation and peace, that

(Claudio's) lobster roll and crisp rosé! Though that is still at the heart of what we all seek, this year I want to toast to us finding each other in that sunshine, to us coming together again as friends and family and colleagues, stronger and more patient than in years past. Cheers to a summer of beautiful views—cheers to looking at all of you!

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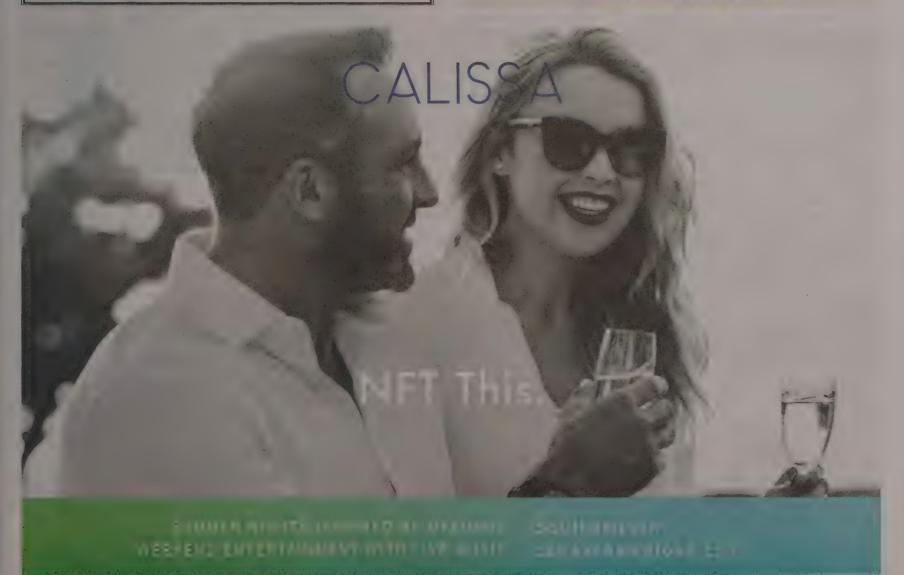
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Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Raul Cruz, Bamboo

an's Taste 2021 welcomes Chef Raul Cruz of Bamboo Southampton to its growing roster of masterful East End chefs. He'll be showcasing his culinary skills at Rosé Soirée on Saturday, July 24.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Fresh seafood and outdoor dining.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

Travel experiences and old-time traditions.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

Jesus Christ, Santa Claus and Chris Farley from Tommy Boy.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

Fresh sashimi with fresh ponzu sauce and rock salt.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Don't lie.

> Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

My pants caught on fire, and I didn't realize until I was practically naked.

Who do vou most admire in

Of course, I like David Chang Momofuku and Anthony Bourdain.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

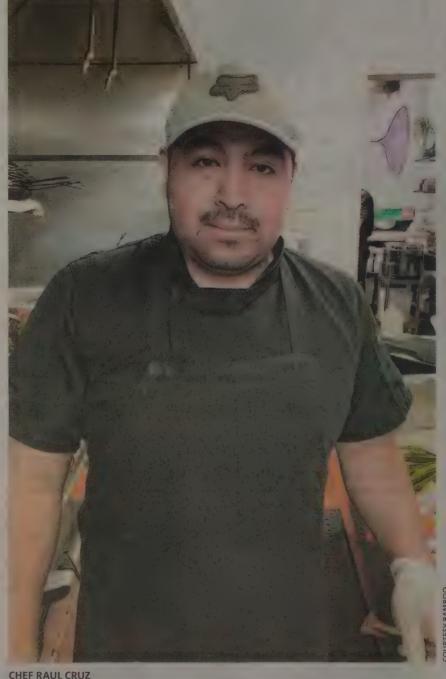
More fresh bamboo dumplings.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and

the food and wine world, and

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I like fast cars and slow women.

What's your comfort food, and why?

Slow-roasted beef stew with egg noodles.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

I'd probably be President of the United States, or at least of my home owners association.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

Habanero pepper on a Rocky Mountain oyster.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

South America—I love Peruvian

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My children and education.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

We bless the kitchen with the rabbi every year.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

All the great restaurants offering different experiences.

It's your last weekend on earth-what's the menu? Steak.

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First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Warm berries, picked from the field.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

The woods, shores and other wild places on Long Island.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

Roasted Long Island duck—love to eat it myself!

What is the best piece of advice sions and interests outside the

you've ever been given?

Don't do it until you get it right, do it until you never get it wrong.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

A cook once poured an entire pot of stock down the drain, but kept the veggies and bones because he thought that's what we were cooking.

Who do you most admire in the food and wine world, and why?

Tom Colicchio seems to have good moral fiber, though I've never met him.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Pot, apparently.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the

Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Taylor Knapp, PAWPAW

world of food, wine and work?

Farming, reading, being with my son.

What's your com-

Chicken and dumplings. Does it get any more comforting?

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

Snail farming.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Hudson, New York is brimming

with great restaurants.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"Naive Melody" by The Talking Heads.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

Oysters, tartare, bone marrow, escargot—basically most of the menu at Blue Ribbon Brasserie.

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BY TY WENZEL

When we consider that living in the Hamptons is often equated with a life of luxury, the question of retiring here doesn't often come up. There is a way now to retire with dignity while still getting the help that elderly residents sometimes require. Opened in 2017, the Villa at Westhampton is an exclusive assisted living community nestled along 10 acres of sprawling lawns, spectacular gardens, walking paths and picturesque views. It's designed for active seniors who value their independence, with the knowledge that caring attention and fellowship are readily available. We met with Jeffrey Thompson, executive director of Villa at Westhampton, to learn more about the elegant retirement community.

How did you come to lead the Villa at Westhampton as the executive director?

I have been working in the senior care industry for more than 30 years. I had heard there was a brand-new assisted living property being built in the Hamptons and started to research it. I knew that it was the first and only one being built on the East End and knew that I had to be a part of it. I live about

20 minutes from the building.

The Villa is such a beautiful place.

The Villa at Westhampton officially opened on August 14, 2017. It was a project 10 years in the making, as the property that we sit on was acquired in pieces. There was a house on a section of this property and family members of the owner that sold that piece of property now reside here.

What kind of amenities are available for its residents

We have two separate patio areas where residents can enjoy the fresh air and sun. Many of our residents walk around the building and there have been multiple sightings of wild turkey and deer. In the spring and summer, we will have barbecues on the patio.

Are there age requirements or restrictions?

Believe it or not, 18 or older is the legal age limit but our median age is 85 and the services are geared more towards an older population. As far as restrictions, we do require a medical evaluation before admission to ensure that each resident meets the admission guidelines and we have the resources to

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What does nurse care entail?

Medication management is the most common and most used service we provide. The nursing staff manage the medications for each resident. This includes ordering medications, working with the physicians and pharmacies when orders are changed and reminding residents to take their medications.

What is the significance of your residents being able to continue living an independent life?

The focus of assisted living is to provide an atmosphere where residents

maintain as much independence as possible and know that assistance is available if needed. As people age, their needs change, and assisted living is designed to meet those changing needs. Our wide variety of scheduled events provides opportunities for our residents to continue the pursuit of lifelong passions and stimulate exploration in new interests and hobbies.

What living situations are available for residents?

We offer both private accommodations as well as options for couples. We offer shared options on a limited basis.

We have several models of large studio apartments and a limited number of spacious one-bedrooms with a separate living room. We also provide a higher level of service for those who require additional care due to the onset of dementia related conditions like Alzheimer's disease. We are licensed as a Special Needs Assisted Living Residence, providing a warm and caring atmosphere, allowing our residents to achieve optimum quality of life in a safe, secure, home-like environment.

I noticed that the homes were named after wines: Dolcetto, Bordeaux, Chianti and Asti.

Long Island has some of the best wineries and vineyards around, and being out on the East End, we thought it appropriate to name the rooms after wine.

There is a lot of buzz about dining at Villa. Can you talk about that?

We have a beautiful dining room and a chef who prepares fresh meals daily. It is restaurant-style dining where the residents order from a menu that changes each day. The residents help us write the menu through our resident food council meetings where ideas for menu selections are discussed. We also have a private dining



THE VILLA AT WESTHAMPTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JEFFREY THOMPSON

room that residents can reserve for family gatherings around the holidays or to celebrate special occasions.

What kind of leisure activities do the residents enjoy?

There is a full calendar of events planned each month. And like the dining, we have a resident council meeting where residents give their input on the activities that are being planned. We incorporate a variety of gross motor and fine motor activities as well as activities to stimulate the brain. We have wonderful entertainment, as well as current events, sittercise, religious services and lots of movies.

We recently had an Oscars party

where residents got dressed up, walked the red carpet, and each got an award and a statuette. Photos and videos of our activities are posted on our Facebook page. We also have a bus to take residents out into the community to go shopping, to the library and to community events. The residents also enjoy going out to eat for a change of pace.

Anything you'd like to add?

In addition to getting three restaurant-style meals a day, residents get housekeeping and laundry services, and there is a hair and nail salon on the premises. Medical services are available in-house by appointment such as Primary Physician, Eye Care,

Audiology, Podiatry, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Lab Services, X-ray and Imaging. Major medical insurances are accepted by the providers. People don't realize they can tour The Villa any time (seven days a week) and that short-term stays are welcome. We even have a program for snowbirds who can stay at The Villa for up to six months during the spring and summer months and into the fall.

The Villa is located at 68 Old Country Road in Westhampton. To learn more, call 631-240-8100, email info@hamptons-villa.com or visit hamptonsvilla.com.

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Extraordinary Entrepreneurs



SEAN AND THERESA DEMARCO, OWNERS OF ONE FOR ALL IN SOUTHOLD.

BY BRIDGET LEROY

I f you breezed into One For All, modestly tucked away in the Feather Hill Plaza in Southold, you might think it was like a lot of other shops offering jewelry, candles, art, dry goods, coffee, and the like.

You would be wrong.

Every single vendor at One For All, a store started by the mother and son team of Theresa and Sean DeMarco, is neurodiverse—a term that acknowledges that the artisans are differently abled, formerly known as developmentally disabled or special needs.

The high-quality soaps are created by Spencer Kelly, who has Asperger's. The scented candles are from New York City's Extraordinary Ventures which provides "meaningful employment for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities." And Gracie's Doggie Delights come from the loving hands of a young woman with Down Syndrome.

The eye-catching animal art that adorns the walls—a hummingbird,

a goat, a sheep, all signed simply "Blake"—are from the brushes of 26-year-old Blake Henkel, who has autism, the same diagnosis as Sean DeMarco.

In fact, it was Sean's idea to start the store, said Theresa DeMarco. "Sean came up with the idea once the pandemic shut down the venues where he was going to sell his professionally framed posters," she said. He sensed that there were other neurodiverse entrepreneurs who might be experiencing the same challenges. So the

DeMarcos jumped into the retail game in January.

"Sean came up the name One For All because he knew he and other individuals like him have to stick together," Theresa DeMarco continued. "We came up with the motto 'A shared space with a shared purpose.' I suggested we use a dandelion for our brand because of our lovely history—Sean would always gift me a dandelion whenever he would spot one in the grass. The dandelion is also symbolic because, while some people view it as





SOME OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE AT ONE FOR ALL, WHICH EMPOWERS DIFFERENTLY-ABLED VENDORS. THE PAINTINGS ARE BY BLAKE HENKEL, WHO IS AUTISTIC.

a weed, it is actually a very important plant offering many important benefits. Likewise, the potential and value of our community is often overlooked, so it felt like the perfect symbol to represent our shop," she said.

And so, the search was on for differently-abled vendors. "I began the search with Mark Cronin of John's Crazy Socks, as he is a leader in our community and knew of many young people with Down Syndrome who have their own businesses," Theresa DeMarco said. "I also pulled names from the database of autism-owned businesses maintained by Autism Speaks and began to reach out to them to share our idea. The majority of businesses I spoke with were excited to join us." The store also carries items from the local South Fork Bakery, known for employing those who are neurodivergent.

According to Theresa DeMarco,

Some of the items

available at

One for All, which

empowers differently-abled

vendors. The paintings are

by Blake Henkel,

who is autistic.

there are only two other stores like this in the United States. "Both Sean and I would like to see greater inclusion of small businesses like ours and the merchants we represent. We hope to encourage more young people who are not sure of the direction they will take after leaving school to pursue entrepreneurship as a possible path," she said.

But for now, the community reaction to One For All has been "touching," she said. "The artisans have been overjoyed at the fact that their items are at a shop like ours. They feel proud and support us through social media." And the shoppers? "Many customers stumble into the shop without knowing our back story. Once they walk around and read the stories that accompany the items

they are incredulous. They leave feeling so good about their purchase knowing they are supporting some amazing people," she said with a smile

But even without knowing the backstory, the products speak for themselves, DeMarco added. "The items for sale are highly giftable and should be, and could be, in many shops alongside neurotypical businesses. We are blessed to be in a position where we can elevate these amazing entrepreneurs and social enterprises and begin to change the mindset of the greater public in realizing the potential in everyone," she said.

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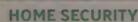
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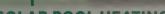
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What new trends are you seeing in the industry?

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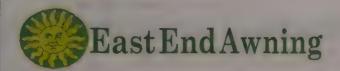
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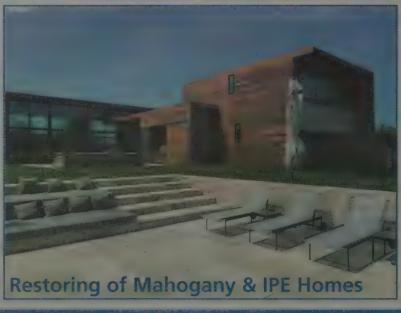
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1. Get Recommendations

A good place to start is to ask friends or relatives if they've had a good experience with a contractor. Also, if you live near a local lumber yard, ask for a recommendation—lumber vards deal with contractors regularly. Or ask a building super. Of course, you can always check out Home Pros.

2. Work the Phone

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Can they provide financial references from suppliers and banks?

Can they give you a list of references, such as previous clients?

Will they have other projects going at the same time, and how many?

How experienced are their subcontractors, and how long have they been working with them?

3. Meet in Person

Pick three contractors who answered your questions professionally and with whom you felt comfortable. Meet with them for estimates and further discussion.

4. Call Former Clients

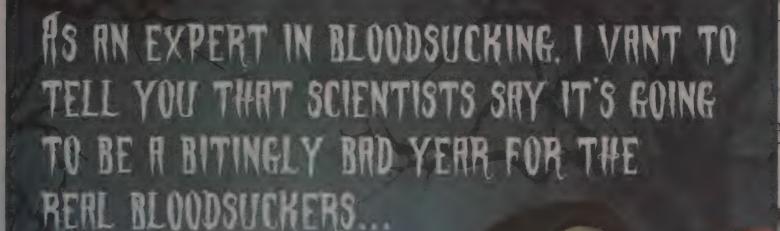
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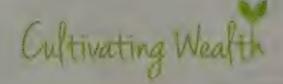






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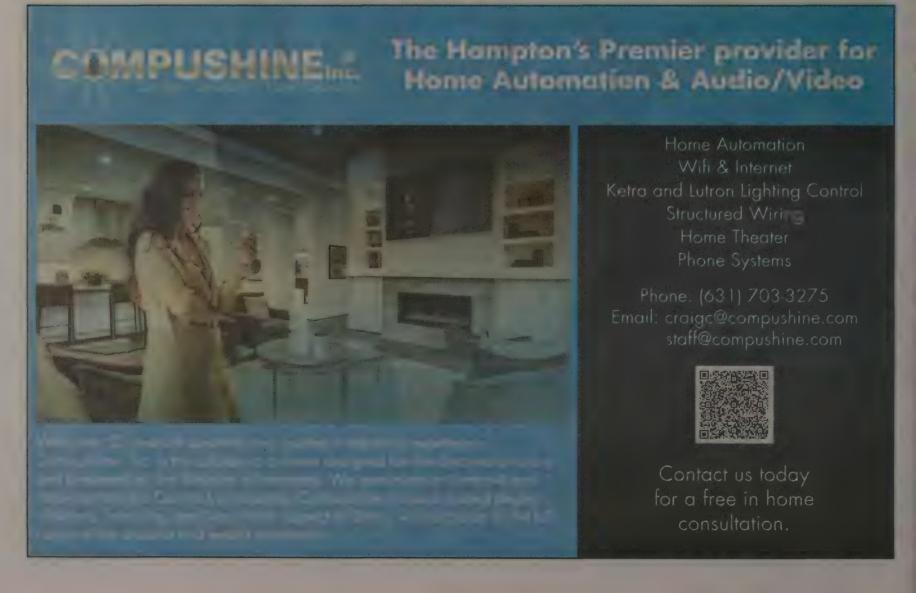
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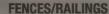
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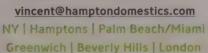
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Ex-East Hampton Supervisor Judith Hope

BY TODD SHAPIRO

J udith Hope is more than just a high-profile Hamptonite, she's also a New York State and national political power player whose life story begins in a small town in southern Arkansas. She came to the East End by way of New York City, where she went to school.

"I came here, and I fell in love with it," she says. "It is one of the most special places in the world, and I still feel that way about it. This is home, and I am so grateful that I found it, and I've had a wonderful life here."

Many people now know her as the former East Hampton Town supervisor. Others may recognize her from her time as the leader of the state Democratic Committee. In the early 1970s, The New York Times referred to Hope as a "novice" when it came to her political sense. In response to the comment, then-Suffolk County Democratic Chairman Dominic Baranello said that Hope was "the most articulate and outstanding woman to come into the party in ages, maybe ever, and she's going to have a great deal to say about its future." She held the post seven vears

In 1973, she was elected the East Hampton Town Supervisor, the first female to ever hold the post. She reminisces that the position presented its challenges, but with effective government, she was able to make a difference.

"Anytime you are the first in any given situation—politics, industry, academia—there is a period that you have to prove yourself far beyond what others have to do," she says. "However, I found working in government rewarding, especially in local government, because every day you could see the results of your work. You could build affordable housing, and there it was. You could save open space, and it will be there forever.

"We saved over 5,000 acres of open space in East Hampton Town," she adds. "We ran on an environmental ticket, and we fulfilled all of our promises, so it was very rewarding."

She ever so humbly accredits her

team for their work alongside of

In 1979, Hope married Tom Twomey, a well-known attorney and activist in the community who shared her civic mindedness. He was a partner at the East End's largest law firm, Twomey, Latham, Shea and Kelley. Hope remembers how they bonded over their shared love for community engagement.

"During that period, I was recruited to run the state Democratic Party," she recalls. "Gov. Mario Cuomo had just lost his gubernatorial bid for re-election. The party was over \$800,000 in debt, and during my tenure there we registered more than a million new voters, elected a state comptroller and two state senators, Chuck Schumer and Hillary Clinton. It was tough work but wonderfully rewarding,"

Her political role in electing environmentally minded candidates helped the state pass measures that still benefit the area today.

"I managed to work behind the scenes to get the 2% transfer tax passed, which has raised over \$1 billion for the five East End towns, and with it, we have been able to save hundreds of acres of open space, save historic structures, and we can now use it for water quality projects," she says. "This has been an extraordinary benefit to the East End. It's a constant fight to save what's left, and it gets more difficult every day."

Hope is the founder of the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, which is a project to encourage Democrat women to run for state and local office. The organization celebrated its 20th anniversary with Hillary Clinton as the project's keynote. Hope remains on the project's Council of Advisors, which she's had an immeasurable role in helping to foster, from its infancy to today.

"Women were not running for office in great numbers, because they did not get the financial or political support that they needed," she recalls of her inspiration for founding the group.

Many of the noteworthy elected officials who have had the support of El-



JUDITH HOPE AND TOM TWOMEY ON ELECTION DAY IN 1985 ON JUDITH'S 3RD TERM FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR FAST HAMPTON

eanor's Legacy include Suffolk County legislators Kara Hahn and Bridget Fleming, state Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright and dozens of others for local, state and federal office.

As an East Ender, Hope is proud of the region she calls home.

"I have a very strong feeling for the local ways that are threatened and rapidly disappearing," she says. "When I first moved out here in 1967, there was a vibrant fishing industry, a vibrant baymen's industry, all local people who fish offshore. They were, and they are, a very unique breed of human being.

"They are tough, strong, but very close to nature, sensitive to the environment," she continues. "They had such a unique relationship with this very beautiful and fragile relationship with nature out here. I have always understood, though, that life out here is a balancing act, because people see the beauty out here, they fall in love with it as young kids, they return when they're adults, and they love it, too."

"When we make it a collective effort, we are much more successful," she adds. "When we get everyone behind preserving the environment out here, there is nothing you can't do."

She remains an activist, working very hard for the South Fork Wind Farm, which would provide clean and renewable energy for 70,000 homes on the South Fork with 15 offshore wind turbines.

As for her legacy, she hopes that she is remembered for more than what she did, but for whom she inspired.

"In my heart-of-hearts, the environment has always been my driving passion," she says. "Every political job I have held, I have tried to use it in a way that would advance a clean world, clean community, clean town, clean air, clean water preservation. We see now, with climate change so threatening, we understand how much is still at stake and time is short.

"I would like to leave a clean planet for my children and grandchildren," she continues. "Both my children stayed here, they live wonderful lifestyles because every spare moment they spend near, in or on the water. It makes for a wonderful lifestyle for them and their kids. They have become the new local people. They are almost Bonackers—not quite, but they do love it here and they do understand that it's rare and always threatened.

"There is solitude on the water, and out here, even though sometimes it is overrun, you can still find it."

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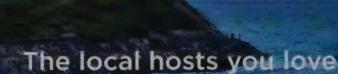
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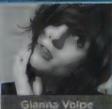
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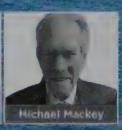
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